

ANNUAL REPORT

2020



Bartholomew County Youth Services Center

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Background and Mission

The Bartholomew County Youth Services Center was established by the Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners. The Bartholomew County Youth Services Center is operated under the authority of the Bartholomew County Circuit Court which has jurisdiction over juvenile cases.

Our mission is to respond to the community's needs with a continuum of care, programming, services, and advocacy for minors under the jurisdiction of the Court, in settings that are safe for both the community and youth.

We will treat each youth with respect and dignity, holding them to appropriate behavioral expectations through a system of rewards and consequences that are applied in a fair, firm, and consistent manner, which is conducive to their personal growth and development.

Programs and Services

The Bartholomew County Youth Services Center offers a variety of services for Bartholomew County children, youth and families. We are committed to making the community a safer place by reducing the risk of repetitive delinquent behavior. Each of the services offered by the Center has a different function; however they all share the same mission.

The Facility operates a three-level group-based program in Detention and Shelter. Day Treatment operates a four-level group-based program. Each level requires the completion of corresponding behavioral expectations ranging from below expectations to above expectations. Privileges increase from level to level to reward positive, appropriate, and cooperative efforts.

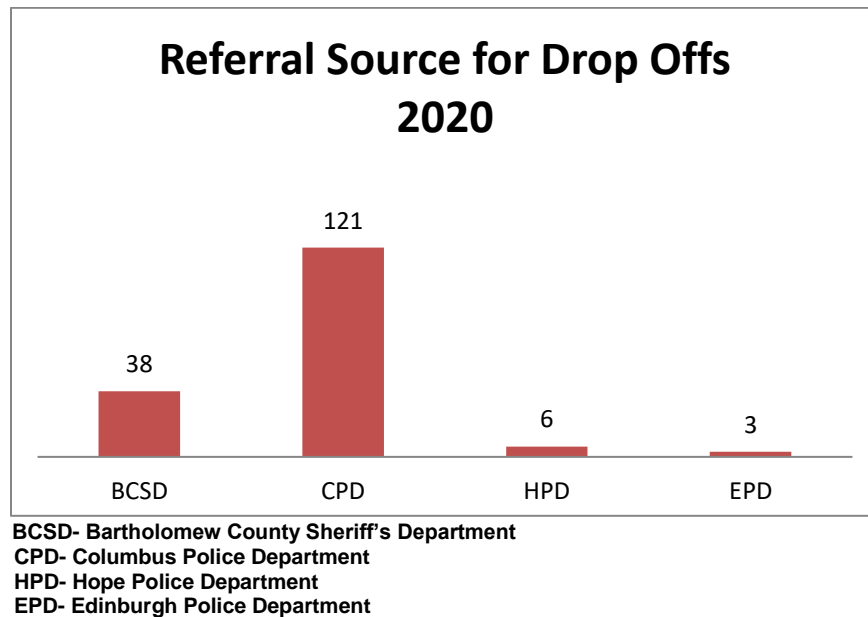
Any child taken into custody in Bartholomew County can be brought to the Youth Services Center for Detention or Shelter placement if necessary, or be returned home. Other counties can also request access to Detention and Shelter services at the Center. Youth are referred for everything from the most serious delinquent offenses, to being a child in need of services (CHINS)

The following pages contain brief descriptions of the services offered by the Center and 2020 referral statistics for each program.

Drop Off Program

By local policy, the Center will accept any youth taken into custody by a law enforcement officer within Bartholomew County. Intake Officers are available 24 hours a day. The Intake Officers interview parents and other interested parties to determine if the youth should be placed in detention or shelter, or be released to a parent or guardian. Intake staff have available to them assessment tools such as the Indiana Youth Assessment Instrument (IYAS), the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI), and the MAYSI-II mental health screening to assist in making a detain or release decision. In 2020, these officers completed 213 IYAS assessments, 227 Detention Risk Assessments Instruments, and 211 MAYSI-II mental health screenings. The Drop Off Program allows law enforcement officers to return to patrol immediately.

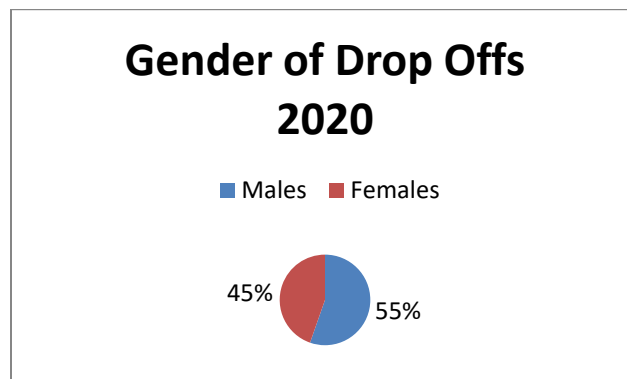
In 2020 the following law enforcement agencies referred youth to the Center that were released after an Intake Officer completed their initial assessments:



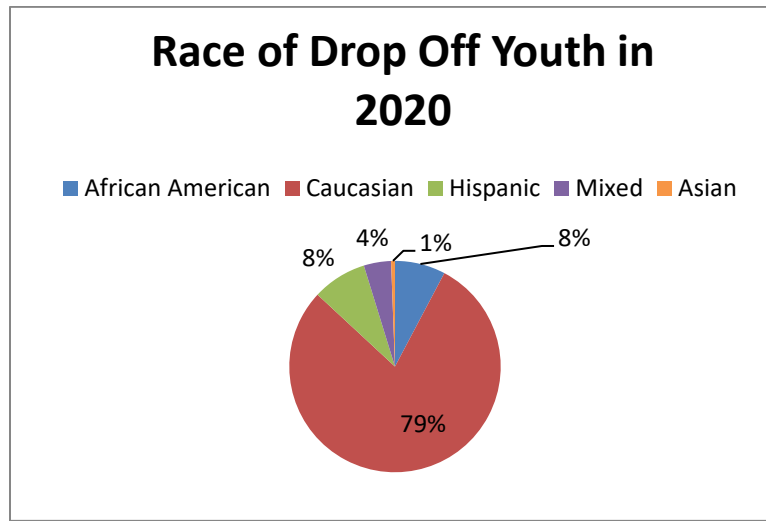
There were 168 Drop Offs in 2020. The various reasons for these referrals and the demographics of those referrals are as follows:

Reason for Referral	Number of Referrals
Battery	12
Burglary	1
CHINS	1
Criminal Mischief	8
Criminal Trespass	5
Domestic Battery	10
False Informing	1
Illegal Consumption	13
Illegal Possession of Alcohol	1
Incorrigibility	29
Intimidation	2
Operating a Vehicle Without a License	1
Possession of a Controlled Substance	2
Possession of Marijuana	14
Possession of Paraphernalia	1
Resisting Law Enforcement	7
Runaway	53
Theft	7

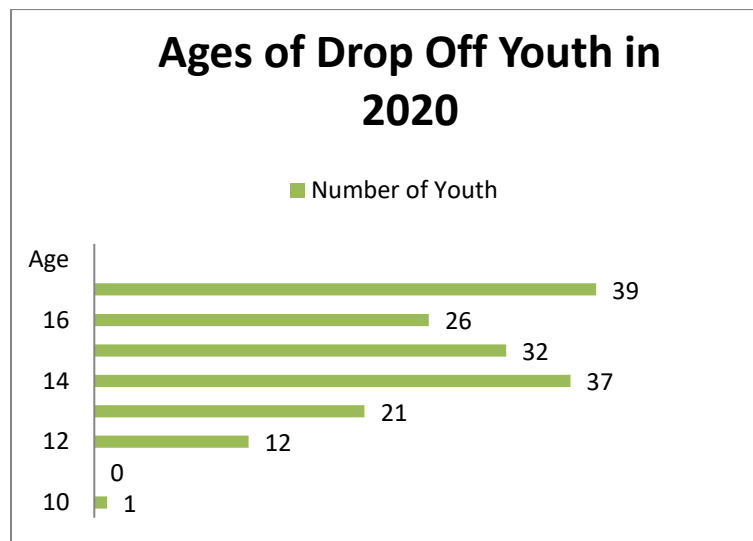
The gender of the youth considered Drop Offs in 2020 was:



The breakdown of race of Drop Offs in 2019 was:



The ages of these youth were:



Electronic Monitoring and Home Supervision

This service provides Electronic Monitoring and Home Supervision to youth referred by the Court. There were a total of ninety-six families served this year by these programs. Referred youth have committed offenses that do not necessarily require secure detention, but warrant an increased level of supervision. These same services may be provided to youth that have returned to the community from a Department of Corrections sentence, or other residential placements, as they transition back into the community. This program provides supervision, along with provision of individual and family support services.

Electronic Monitoring services through this program are also provided to youth participating in the Day Treatment program, the Community Transition Program, and as an Alternative to Detention. Electronic Monitoring services are provided in collaboration with Community Corrections.

Due to pandemic precautions, there was an increase in virtual contacts in 2020. Youth were still monitored closely; however, there were accommodations made to ensure the safety of the youth, their families, as well as the Home Supervision Officer. Porch visits were conducted and home entry was limited to necessary searches. Due to the increase in the severity of charges, youth were limited in their ability to leave their residences, enabling them to observe the Governor's pandemic regulations, as well as ensuring community safety.

Youth who participate in these programs are eligible to earn incentives, as well as sanctions when necessary. Much collaboration is done with the Bartholomew County Probation Department. Youth receive positive reinforcement for displaying pro-social behavior through verbal praise, written praise through a Star Card, a certificate recognizing their accomplishment, or a gift card provided by JDAI. Three hundred and thirty-two incentives were offered this year. A notable accomplishment this year was a youth earning his High School Equivalency certification while supervised on Electronic Monitoring. There were several youth that tracked sobriety days and earned certificates for the milestones they reached. Sanctions applied in 2020 included increased levels of supervision. These sanctions included loss of free time, placement in secure detention, shelter placement, or participation in an alternative program such as Day Reporting. There were sixty-one sanctions issued this year.

In 2020, there were seventy- nine youth placed on Electronic Monitoring. Of these youth, fifty-one completed the program successfully. Thirty-two youth were unsuccessful and received further sanctions from the court.

There were also forty- one youth placed on Home Supervision. Of those youth, twenty-one were successful completions of the program. Four youth were unsuccessful and received further sanctions from the court.

	4 YEAR COMPARISON			
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Electronic Monitoring Referrals	81	89	74	79
Successful completions of Electronic Monitoring	63	61	51	51
Home Supervision Referrals	30	19	30	41
Successful Completions of Home Supervision	18	10	23	
Rewards/Sanctions	-	306 / 48	552 / 85	332 / 61

Submitted by Lisa Gray

Detention

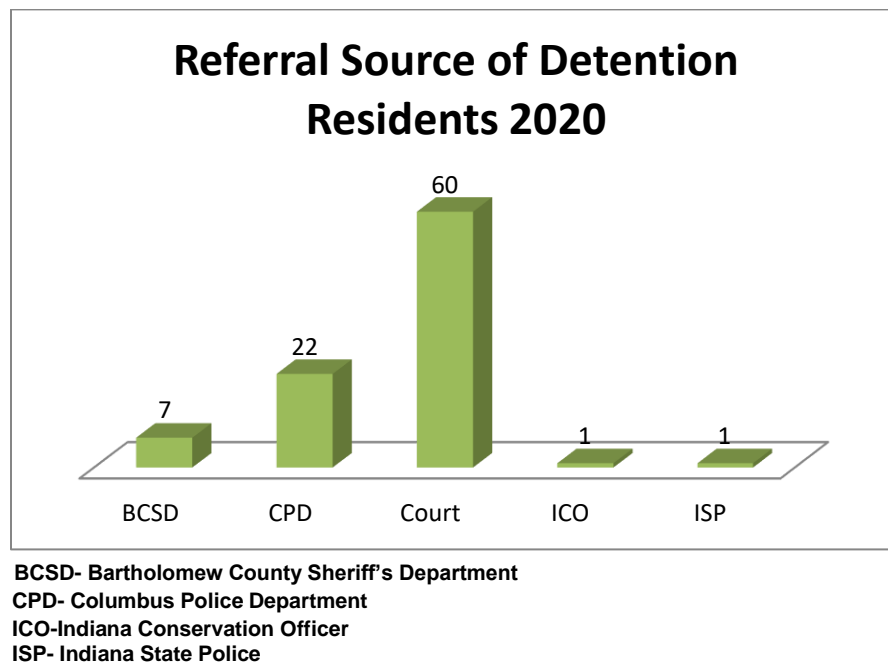
Detention is a secure placement designed for youth awaiting the court process who are considered to be a danger to public safety, likely to re-offend, or flee before their court appearance. Youth may also be sentenced to serve time in secure detention for up to 90 days if they are under the age of seventeen and for 120 days if they are seventeen years of age or older.

Detention is designed to hold youth between the ages of 10 and 21. Detention programming focuses on teaching young people about choices and consequences. Youth placed in secure Detention receive six hours of educational instruction at the Center year round, five days per week.

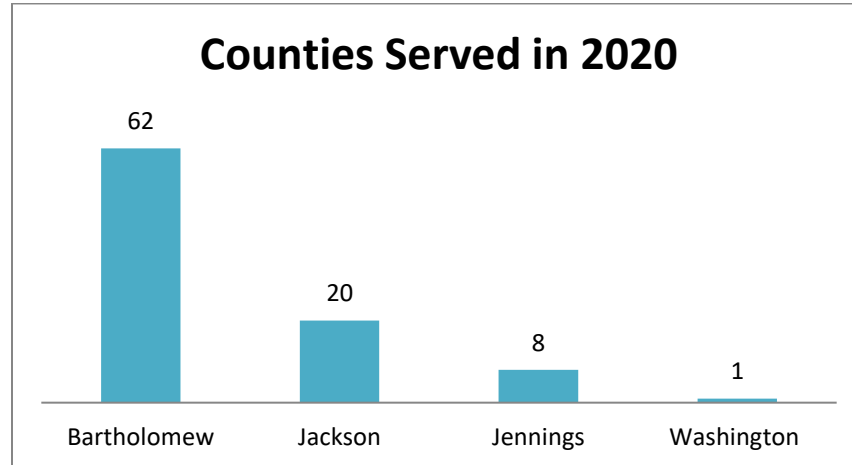
In Indiana, the Department of Correction has the responsibility for providing standards for compliance for secure detention. In 2020 the Center received a score of 100% on the mandatory standards.

In 2020, the Center provided services to 91 youth in detention; the following graphs and tables depict the demographics of those youth.

The Youth Service Center receives its referrals to Detention from the Bartholomew County Circuit Court, local law enforcement agencies and courts in surrounding counties.



Counties served in 2020 are shown in the graph below:



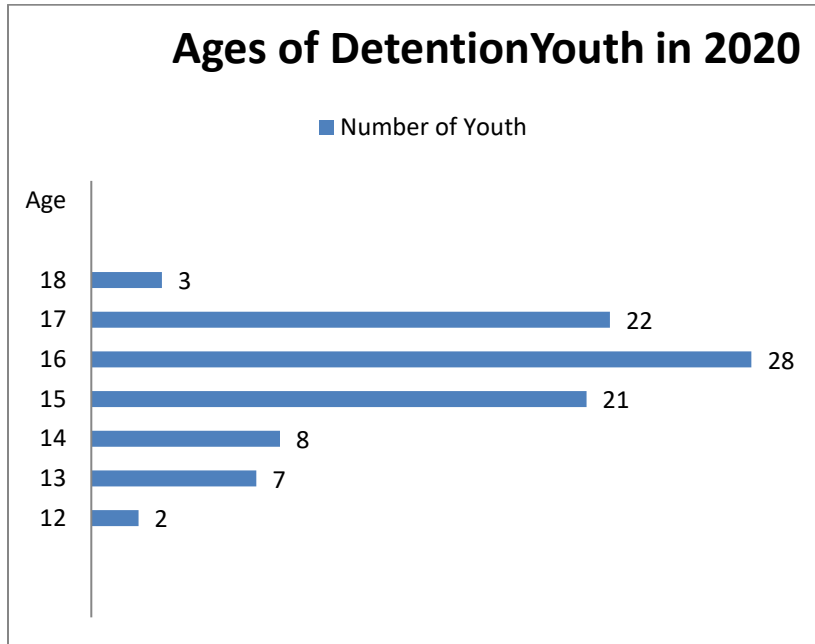
The table below represents a five-year comparison for Child Care Days for Bartholomew County youth compared to out of county youth:

5 YEAR COMPARISON OF CHILD CARE DAYS FOR DETENTION			
YEAR	TOTAL	BARTHOLOMEW	OTHER
	DETENTION		
2020	2141	1527	614
2019	2792	1288	1504
2018	2749	1742	1007
2017	1936	1892	44
2016	1681	1497	184

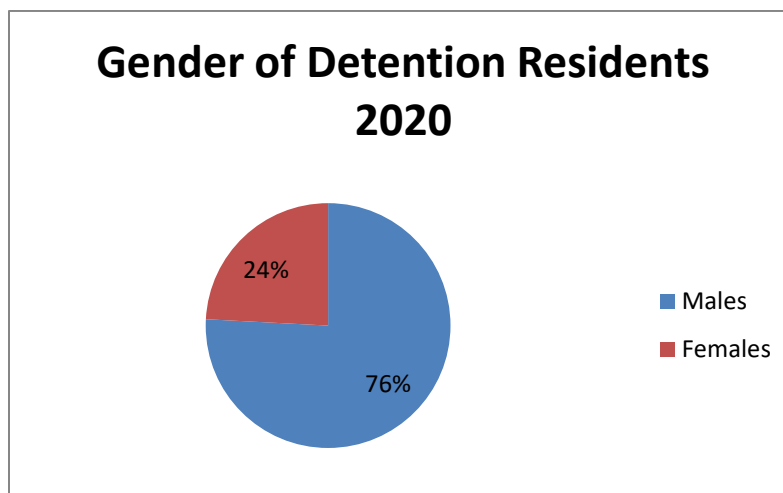
In 2019, the majority of offenses youth are detained for involve felonious acts. Many youth are referred for multiple allegations of criminal conduct. As seen by the list of offenses below, youth detained at the Center are detained for involvement in the entire range of criminal conduct:

Reason for Referral	Number of Referrals
Auto Theft	3
Battery	16
Burglary	4
Carrying a Handgun without a License	2
Child Molesting	3
Conversion	2
Criminal Mischief	3
Criminal Confinement	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Dangerous Possession of a Firearm	1
Domestic Battery	1
Escape	2
Interfering with a 911 Call	1
Intimidation	3
Neglect of a Dependent	2
Operating while Intoxicated	1
Possession of a Firearm on School Property	1
Possession of a Scheduled I-IV Substance	3
Possession of Marijuana	5
Possession of Methamphetamine	2
Possession of Paraphernalia	1
Public Intoxication	1
Residential Entry	1
Resisting Law Enforcement	7
Robbery	4
Runaway	10
Strangulation	2
Theft	8

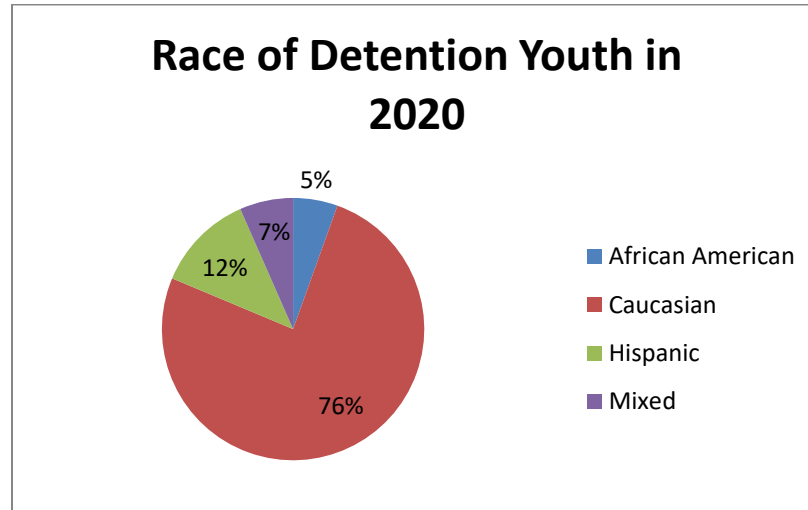
The age of a youth often has an impact on the way the Center's services are provided. The following table shows the age of the youth who received services in Detention in 2020.



The pie graph below reflects the percentage of male and female residents placed in detention in 2020.



The overrepresentation of minority youth, particularly in secure detention, continues to be a significant concern in this country, receiving attention at the local, state and national levels. In response to this concern, the graph below contains information regarding the percentage of populations by race served at the Center in Detention in 2020.



The average length of stay for a female youth in Detention in 2020 was 20 days and for males, the average length of stay was 22 days in 2020. The average daily population for youth in detention was 6.

The tables below represent the average daily census for Detention youth served at the Center for the past five years:

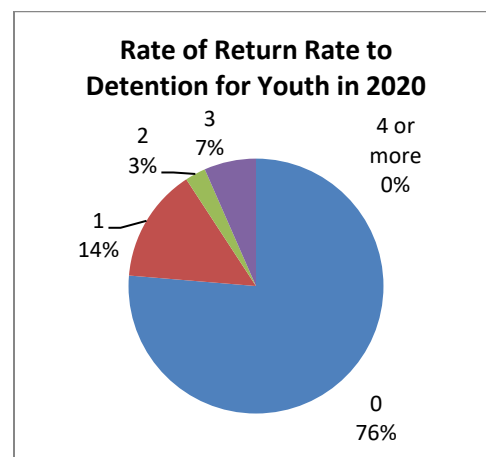
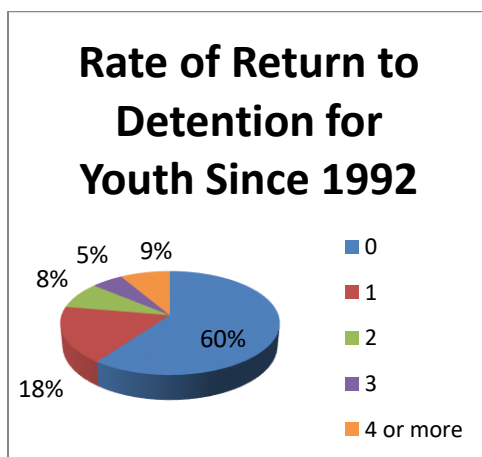
	5 YEAR COMPARISON OF AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION FOR DETENTION				
PLACED	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Detention	5	6	8	8	6

Reducing the number of youth returning to the Center's programs remains a primary goal of the Center. The following graph reflects Bartholomew County youth by the number of times these youth have been held in secure Detention since the Center opened in 1992. No value judgment is made on the nature of the offense or the reason youth may or may not have been detained. Since its inception, the Center has tracked the rate of return for all youth served at the Center. Over the course of 28 years of operation, 60% of all youth served in Detention have not returned to the Center a second time. Over this same time period, the percentage of youth placed in Detention four or more times has decreased from 9% to 0%.

It is difficult to compare Bartholomew County's data to federal or state statistics, as most facilities do not keep records on rates of return to detention. This is due to the fact that detention is not typically used for the purpose of providing an intervention but rather as a facility for housing youth in order to ensure public safety and the youth's appearance in court.

A non-return rate of fifty percent or more would indicate that the Center's programs are having an immediate and positive effect on the youth being served by these programs. The Center strives to determine what changes can be made or added to its current programming to increase the number of youth who do not return to the Center, and more importantly, who do not continue to commit crimes in the community as either juveniles or adults.

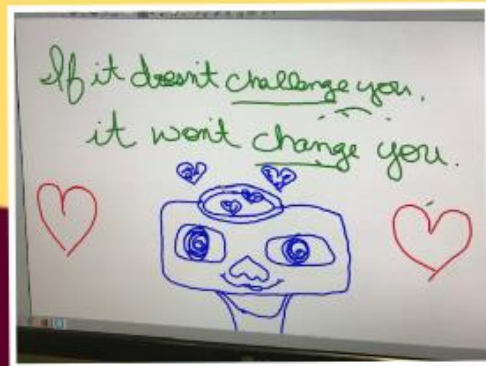
The pie graphs on the following page reflect the rate of return to detention for all youth served at the Center since its inception in 1992 and the rate of return to detention in 2020.



Detention Education Program 2020

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 3 STUDENTS TOOK THE TASC TEST AND EARNED THEIR HSE WHILE IN DETENTION.
- MULTIPLE STUDENTS PREPARED TO TAKE HSE TEST UPON RELEASE.
- IMPLEMENTATION OF NEXT GENERATION PERSONAL FINANCE CURRICULUM
- ACCOMMODATED SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES WITH VIRTUAL VISITS FROM GUESTS AND ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING: TURNING POINT, BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY LIBRARY, & ANTHEM HEALTH EDUCATORS
- STUDENTS EARNED COURSE CREDITS WORKING ON THE GRADPOINT PROGRAM FACILITATED BY YSC EDUCATORS.
- MULTIPLE CREDITS EARNED FROM COMPLETED COURSES ON OTHER SCHOOL SPONSORED PROGRAMS SUCH AS EDGENUITY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOM.



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Submitted by Shawn Charlton, Detention Teacher

Transition Program

This service provides transition services to youth who are sentenced to secure detention for thirty days or more. Whenever a youth is taken from his/her community for a period of time, there is a loss of connections with the community, the school, etc.... Rather than releasing the youth to his/her home without the benefit of resources and support, the Bartholomew County Youth Services Center offers transition services to these youth. These services include the Juvenile House Arrest Officer in the home at least three days a week, a mentor, and the Center's Education Liaison to assist the youth's transition back into the school system. The youth's parents, as well as the youth's probation officer, are also involved in the youth's transition program. In 2020 there were eleven youth sentenced to Detention and eligible for the Transition Program. There was one youth that wished to participate in transition services in 2020 and successfully completed the program.

Shelter

Shelter is a non-secure, temporary, emergency placement designed to serve status offenders, abused and/or neglected juveniles, children of families in crisis, and children and youth awaiting out-of-home placement. Shelter residents attend public school or receive their school work from their home county and remain active in community-based activities to the greatest extent possible. Shelter staff also provides the youth with social and life skill lessons, such as budgeting and money management, daily living, proper hygiene and nutrition, and pre-employment skills, such as resume building and interview techniques.

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration provide rules and licensing for shelter programs. The Center's license allows for up to ten youth between the ages of 10 and 18 to remain in shelter care for up to twenty days.

In 2020 the Center provided Emergency Shelter Care services to 68 youth from Bartholomew County and nine other counties in Indiana. There were 37 youth denied admission to Shelter in 2020 due to presenting with either sexual maladaptive behavior, being actively suicidal, displaying severe aggression, or due to COVID-19 concerns.

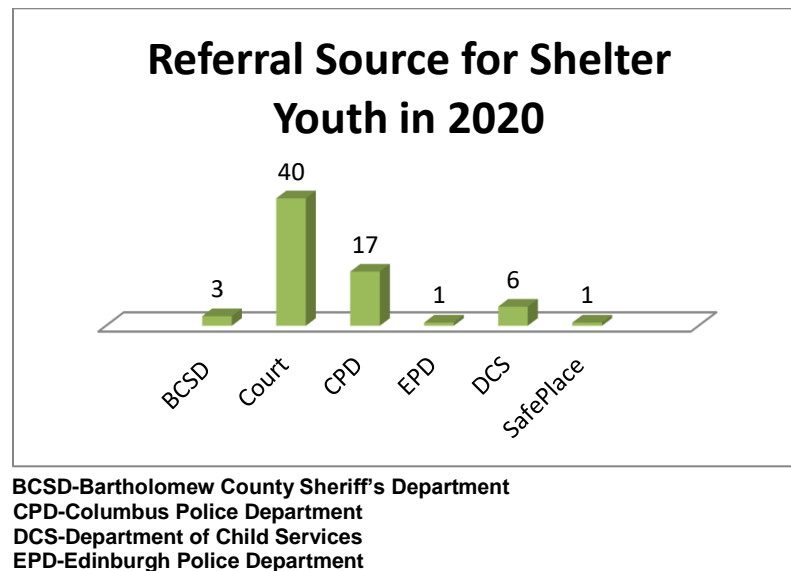
In 2020, there were a wide variety of reasons a youth may have been referred to Shelter. The majority of youth that were placed in shelter and presented with a criminal charge have already spent some time in a secure setting, and they may be waiting in-home services to be initiated or awaiting placement at a residential facility.

The tables below represent the average daily census for Shelter youth served at the Center in 2020 for the past five years:

	5 YEAR COMPARISON OF AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION				
PLACED	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Shelter	4	4	3	3	3

The following graphs and charts are representative of the Center's referrals to Emergency Shelter Care in 2020:

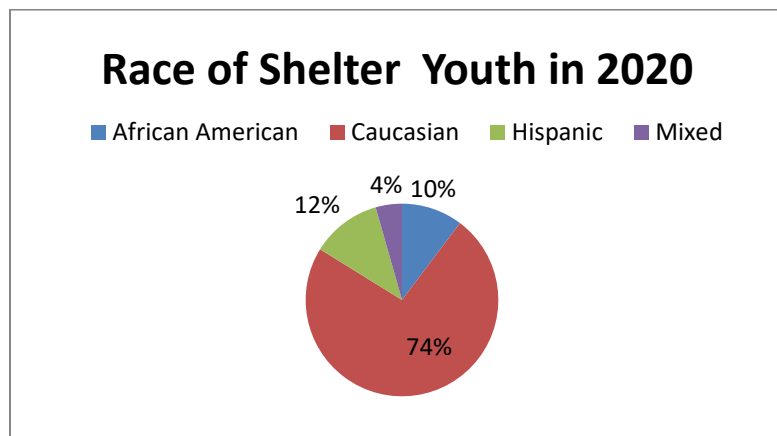
The Indiana Department of Child Services, the Court, and local law enforcement all referred youth to Emergency Shelter Care in 2020. The breakdown of each agency is as follows:



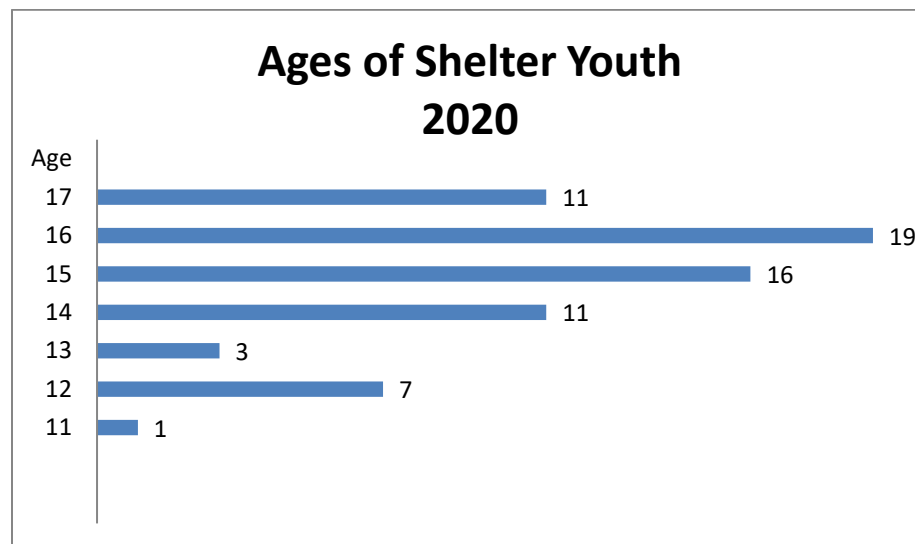
The following chart represents the reasons and offenses that youth were referred to Shelter for in 2020:

Reason for Referral	Number of Referrals
Battery	6
Burglary	3
Child in Need of Services	10
Conversion	1
Criminal Mischief	2
Criminal Trespass	1
Domestic Battery	1
Escape	1
Illegal consumption	2
Incorrigibility	5
Intimidation	2
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a License	1
Possession of Marijuana	6
Resisting Law Enforcement	3
Runaway	16
SafePlace	1
Theft	1
Truancy	4
Visiting a Common Nuisance	2

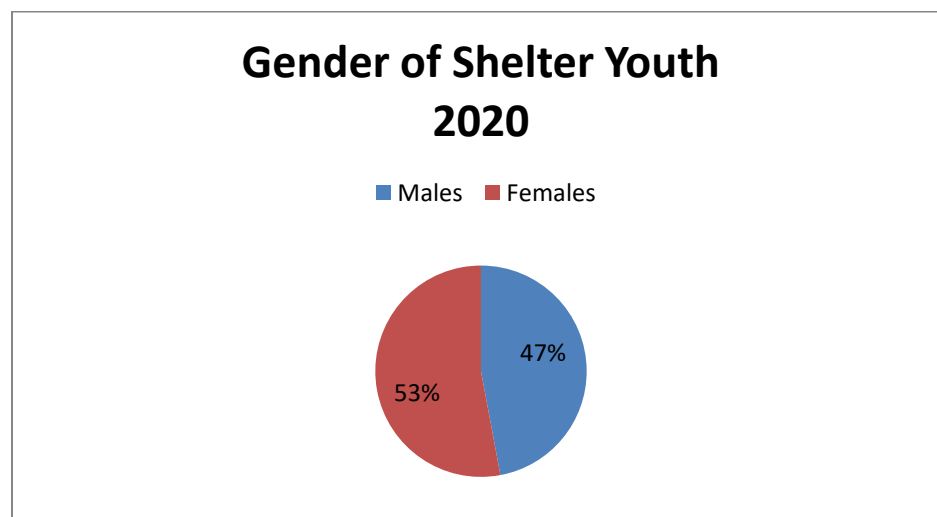
The graph below contains information regarding the percentage of populations by race served at the Center in Shelter.



Shelter is licensed to provide services to youth ages 10 to 18. The following graph represents the ages of the youth served in 2020.



The graph below contains information regarding the percentage of populations by gender served at the Center in Shelter:



Even though the maximum length of stay in Shelter is 20 days, the Indiana Department of Child Services may grant an extension for a youth's stay in Shelter. In 2020, there were 10 extensions granted. The Average Length of Stay in Shelter was 15 days in 2020. The Center's Average Daily Population in Shelter for 2020 was 3.

Day Reporting Programs

Submitted by Mariah Lucas-Georges

Day Treatment

At the beginning of 2020, there were five (5) participants in the Day Treatment Program who had been referred in 2019. In 2020, there were seven (7) youth referred to the Day Treatment Program. One (1) youth was denied and sentenced to home detention. Ten (10) youth participated in the Program: five (5) youth remain in the program at this time and three youth were successful. Of the youth that were unsuccessfully discharged, one (1) was sent to placement in an effort to provide mental health services, one (1) is pending court and one youth was provided more intensive service in the community.

Throughout 2020, youth in the Day Treatment Program received individualized education planning. Day Treatment staff worked collaboratively with local schools to monitor the youth's behavior while at school, track their attendance, and monitor their grades. While youth reported to Day Treatment, time was spent daily to ensure youth were completing school assignments and effectively studying.

During 2020, youth in the Day Treatment Program received life skills training by participating in a variety of cognitive based programming. The cognitive based programming included, but was not limited to: role plays; substance abuse prevention; vocational training; and financial literacy. Each youth in the Program received training and feedback from Day Treatment staff to build and strengthen family and peer relationships.

In 2020, youth and staff were challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic. Youth and staff continued to engage in services in a continuously unstable environment in an effort to mitigate the harm caused by the COVID-19. Youth who were able to participate in the Day Treatment Program were regularly engaged with the community by volunteering and participating in community service. The Day Treatment youth participated in community service while in the Program and worked with organizations within Bartholomew County. While engaged with the community, youth were involved in completing community service with Love Chapel, Columbus Parks and Rec, and the Youth Service Center Food Pantry.

Day Reporting-Independent Living

At the beginning of 2020, there were three (3) participants in the Day Reporting- Independent Living Program who had been referred in 2019. In 2020, there were ten (10) youth referred to the Day Reporting-Independent Living Program and all youth were accepted. Four (4) youth were unsuccessfully discharged from the program; nine youth successfully completed the program. Three (1) youth remain in the program at this time.

Throughout 2020, youth in the Day Reporting-Independent Living Program received individualized education planning. Day Reporting-Independent Living staff worked collaboratively with local schools to monitor the youth's behavior while at school, track their attendance, and monitor their grades. While youth reported to Day Reporting-Independent Living, time was spent daily to ensure youth were completing school assignments and effectively studying.

During 2020, youth in the Day Reporting-Independent Living Program received life skills training. The cognitive based programming included, but was not limited to: life skills, positive youth development, healthy relationships, resiliency skills, substance abuse prevention; vocational training; and financial literacy.

Day Reporting Center

During 2020, fifty-one (51) youth were referred to the Day Reporting Center. Throughout 2020, youth in the Day Reporting Program received individualized education planning and educational support. Day Reporting staff worked collaboratively with local schools and service providers to ensure that the youth were provided with the opportunity to attain their educational goals and remain on track with their education.

Day Reporting Center staff also worked with local service providers: specifically, Turning Point, Bartholomew County Public Library, WorkOne, Love Chapel, and Bartholomew County Health Department to enrich the programming of the Day Reporting Center. Youth were also provided educational instruction in regards to, healthy relationships, positive youth development, resiliency skills, and vocational training. Day Reporting youth also consistently completed community service at Love Chapel each week.

Safe Place

The Center also serves as a Safe Place site for youth needing immediate help or safety. In conjunction with local law enforcement agencies and the Columbus Fire Department, these youth can easily access the Center. The Center had one youth in 2020 that took advantage of the SafePlace Program at the Center.

Medical and Counseling Services

Residents in Shelter and Detention are seen by the Center's nurse within 48 hours of admission. The nurse is on call 24/7 for any emergencies or questions that staff may have pertaining to a resident's health.

The residents are also seen by the Center's counselor upon admission. A Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment is completed on each shelter youth. Youth may also request to speak to the counselor throughout their stay in shelter or detention if they wish to do so. The counselor is on call 24/7 for any mental health questions or crises that may occur. If deemed necessary, a MAYSI-II mental health screening may be utilized by the Intake Officers upon admission to the Center.

Food Service

The Food Service Department of the Center, comprised of a Head Cook and a Full-Time Cook, is responsible for three meals and two snacks daily that are nutritionally adequate, palatable, and attractive, and that are produced under sanitary conditions at a reasonable cost. Our Head Cook, who is experienced in food service management, supervises the food service operations.

In 2020, the Food Service Department at the Center prepared 14,028 meals. The Department of Education reimburses the county for breakfast and lunch meals through the National School Lunch Program.

Financials

COUNTY GENERAL BUDGET 2020

TOTAL 2020 BUDGET	\$1,740,750
UNEXPENDED BALANCE	<u>\$ 202,956</u>
TOTAL 2020 EXPENSES	<u>\$1,537,794</u>

AVERAGE MONTHLY COUNTY EXPENDITURES	\$ 128,150
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PER DIEMS

SHELTER	\$ 440,450
DAY TREATMENT	\$ 9,911
DETENTION	\$ 82,890
DAY REPORTING PROGRAMS	<u>\$ 40,852</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 574,103</u>

GRANTS/REIMBURSEMENTS

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (NSLP)	\$ 20,984
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY SCHOOL CORP	\$ 86,925
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION	*\$ 63,631
TITLE ONE	<u>*\$ 21,325</u>
TOTAL GRANTS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 192,865</u>

*The expenditures against which the DOC and Title I grants are applied are separate from those expenditures covered by the Bartholomew County budget. As a result, these grant amounts are not included below.

REIMBURSEMENT INCOME	
(Applied against local expenditures)	\$ 107,909
PER DIEM INCOME	\$ 574,103

TOTAL BUDGET SAVINGS TO COUNTY	\$ 682,012
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TOTAL COUNTY EXPENSES	\$ 1,537,794
TOTAL INCOME AGAINST COUNTY EXPENSES	\$ 682,012
COST TO BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY*	\$ 855,782

*Cost of maintenance on the building and insurance are not included

Quietuses for Last 10 Years

	Dept. of	Bartholomew Co.	DOC*	DOC*	Title I*	Title II*	Per Diems	Misc.	TOTAL
	Education	School Corp.		Discretionary					
2011	26,681	117,690	59,942		33,854		149,063	592	387,822
2012	29,458	118,403	56,301		33,251		314,162		551,575
2013	19,992	121,976	48,158		17,176		377,075		584,377
2014	19,641	124,740	63,631		19,516		235,499		463,027
2015	20,712	127,234	63,631		20,217		279,491		511,285
2016	21,638	127,234	63,631		10,284		475,832		698,619
2017	23,284	129,780	63,631		4,296		693,768		914,759
2018	25,786	133,673	63,631	7,500	3,918		750,565		985,073
2019	25,054	84,546	63,631	3,231	20,321		664,431		861,214
2020	20,984	86,925	63,631	0	21,325		574,103		766,968

*Denotes grant funds and are not reimbursed to county general.

From the Director

As a non-profit with no option of closing down, with the continued demand to provide a safe, quality environment for our youth, we needed to adapt quickly when the COVID-19 pandemic hit our community. The Center staff, as well as many community members and organizations, stepped up to the plate to ensure that we could still provide quality services to our youth. There were several teachers with Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation that provided gifts so that our youth in Emergency Shelter Care had a package or two under the tree on Christmas morning! Some of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative grant monies were used to ensure that the detention youth had a package to open on Christmas morning as well as activities to complete during the holiday season.

With everything that was happening in the world around us, the Center was still able to remain fiscally responsible and returned \$202,955 to county general funds, as well as had a per diem income of \$574,102 from the programs we operated. The Center was also able to successfully pass all audits throughout the year. We added a new volunteer, Mikal Rayls, who stepped up to be the pastor for the detention youth. A new nurse was hired in 2020, as well as a new Intake Officer. The Center had to adapt to ensure we maintained the training requirements for staff and found that there are many trainings available online, which greatly reduced the need to pay for travel to trainings outside the county. We even had three staff that welcomed new additions to their families in 2020!

As we move into 2021, the Center is greatly looking forward to getting back to "normal", whether that be a "new normal" or a "normal" that is familiar, only time will tell. Whatever the case may be, the Center staff will continue to show the care, compassion and concern for each youth that comes through our doors.

*Respectfully,
Anita J. Biehle
Director of Youth Services*

In Appreciation

The mission of the Bartholomew County Youth Services Center is, in no small part, supported by different organizations within the community. Their cooperation and friendship over the years has greatly assisted the Center in providing its residents with the services they need. While it would be difficult to list all those organizations that have supported the Center over the years, below is a partial list:

Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners
Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation
Bartholomew County Council
Bartholomew County Circuit Court
Bartholomew County Extension Office (4-H)
Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department
Bartholomew County Department of Child Services
Bartholomew County Maintenance Department
Bartholomew County Health Department
Bartholomew County Library
Bartholomew County Solid Waste
Beloved
Columbus Parks & Recreation
Columbus Police Department
Columbus Regional Hospital
Communities that Care
Court Services- Probation and Community Corrections Staff
Family Services Inc.
Foundation for Youth
Goodwill of Bartholomew County
Human Services, Inc.
Indiana Department of Child Services
Indiana Department of Correction
Indiana Humanities
Indiana Youth Law Team
Love Chapel
Salvation Army
Thrive Alliance
Turning Point
United Way

